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RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

October 13, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

As a lifelong Democrat, I certainly believe that government has a role to help improve the lives and wellbeing of all Americans. I also believe that government can sometimes go too far. One case in point is the Federal Communications Commission's recent announcement to adopt new regulations aimed at keeping the Internet open and ensuring a free flow of information.

My question is this: Is the Internet not open and is there not a free flow of information? I'm not aware of any instance where there have been problems with Internet providers blocking access to legitimate information and slowing the flow of data from the Internet. Why create a problem where one doesn't exist now?

By all accounts, the communications providers in our country have been furiously working to build out their networks and provide faster and better Internet service to more and more Americans. The wireless industry may actually be the most competitive industry in this country, with consumers receiving the ultimate benefits of lower prices, better service and the latest technology.

I understand that the broadband and wireless businesses are very lightly regulated, which has helped to create a pro-consumer marketplace where the deals and the devices just get better and better. This environment has provided a strong incentive for cell phone companies to spend more on their networks in an effort to provide the best service.

I would strongly urge the FCC not to mess with this winning formula, which appears to be working well for the American consumer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Baker", written over a horizontal line.